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REFS: A) GENEVA 2040; B) USNATO 1730

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. FOR GENEVA: WE ARE REVIEWING LATEST SOVIET PROPOSAL

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ON VOLUNTARY NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS AND WILL BE PROVIDING

GUIDANCE IN DUE COURSE. MEANWHILE, IN NATO CAUCUS, YOU SHOULD OPPOSE CONVEYING CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO SOVIETS EITHER AS AN ALLIANCE SUGGESTION OR AS AN INFORMAL INITIATIVE ON PART OF CANADIAN DELEGATION. SOVIET INTEREST IN TRADING A LOWER LEVEL OF OBLIGATION FOR MORE AMPLE PARAMETERS SUGGESTS THAT AN UNAMBIGUOUS ALLIED RESPONSE SETTING OUT A CLEAR QUID PRO QUO WOULD BE PREFERABLE. CANADIAN PROPOSAL, BY CONTRAST, WOULD RISK MUDDYING THE WATERS AND SIGNALING A LACK OF ALLIED RESOLVE ABOUT WHAT PARAMETERS ARE DESIRED FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS.

2. FOR USNATO: WE ENDORSE POSITION TAKEN BY US REP (PARA 4, USNATO 1730) DISCOURAGING DUTCH SUGGESTION TO TRANSFER DISCUSSION OF MANEUVERS CBM TO BRUSSELS. AT NEXT POLADS SESSION YOU SHOULD REITERATE OUR VIEW THAT A CLEAR AND WELL

COORDINATED ALLIED RESPONSE TO LATEST SOVIET INITIATIVE SEEMS CALLED FOR AND OUR PREFERENCE THAT ALLIED DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TOPIC MOVE FORWARD IN NATO CAUCUS AT GENEVA. KISSINGER

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